

## Library of Congress' Israel and Judaica Section Update

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**Description:** This session will include cataloging, acquisitions, and general LC news, including exhibits, initiatives, and projects. Representatives from the IJ Section will discuss a variety of acquisitions and cataloging matters, including new and recent classification numbers and subject headings, highlights of IJ Section cataloging practice, and developments in serials cataloging and processing and general LC news.

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